

# 'It's Avonte': Family crushed by discovery of missing teen

**Sad ending.** The 14-year-old autistic teen went missing from his Queens school in October, setting off a massive citywide search. **Discovery.** The Medical Examiner's Office determined that the body found in the East River last week was that of the boy. PAGE 02



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# **DNA IDs human remains** as Queens teen runaway



**Found.** Parts of a body discovered in Queens last week were matched with Avonte Oquendo.

After months of searching, the family of a missing autistic teen were heartbroken to learn that his body had been found last week.

Human remains discovered near a Queens shoreline Thursday were confirmed to be those of missing 14-year-old Avonte Oquendo, the Medical Examiner's Office and police said Tuesday.

A DNA test matched the remains to Avonte, who was last seen running out of his Long Island City school Oct. 4.

After police shared the results with Avonte's family, his mother Vanessa Oquendo was devastated, family attorney David Perecman said.

'She told me, 'It's Avonte. They came. It's Avonte," he said. "Vanessa was crying when I spoke to her."

The remains were found near Powell Cove Boulevard and Endeavor Place in College Point, some 11 miles from the school Avonte was last seen leaving.

Among the rocks on the shore, police found an arm and legs, clothes and size 51/2 Air Jordan sneakers, similar to those Avonte was wearing when he disappeared.

Investigators are still trying to determine how Avonte's body got to the shore. Cause and matter of death are still under investigation, the Medical Examiner's Office said.

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# More cold ahead after snowstorm

After being walloped by an intense snowstorm, New Yorkers can expect interviews together' freezing cold tempera-

tures to continue. The city will see a high of 14 degrees Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Before getting a bit of sun, the five boroughs will be covered in clouds for most of the day. Wind chills may be as low as

minus-10 degrees. With wind gusts as high as 32 mph, the day is also expected to be blustery.

Wednesday night will be cloudy and cold, with a low of 6 degrees and wind chills reaching minus-3 degrees.

After snow blanketed the five boroughs overnight, plowing will continue through the day. Snow removal and city

closure updates can be found at NYC.gov.

Alternate-side parking is suspended Wednesday, and scheduled subway line repairs this week were canceled because of the storm.

To see how weather conditions will affect mass transit, including subway, buses and commuter rails, visit MTA. info. anna sanders



#### Punk rock

#### **Pussy Riot hit Brooklyn for Amnesty** concert

There couldn't be a more appropriate U.S. show for Pussy Riot to appear at after 21 months in prison than one put on by Amnesty International. The show, called the Bringing Human Rights Home Concert, will take place

at the Barclay's Center in Brooklyn on Feb. 5, the organization announced on Tuesday.

In a statement, Nadezhda "Nadya" Tolokonnikova and Maria "Masha" Alekhina, members of the Russian punk band said, "We are happy to support Amnesty International's work on behalf of human rights and political prisoners."

#### Transportation

#### Rockaway Ferry service gets extension

Mayor Bill de Blasio said on Tuesday that the Rockaway Ferry will continue to run until May, with an option to extend through August. The popular ferry service running between the Rockaways and Lower Manhattan was created November 2012 after



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superstorm Sandy. We are committed to the Rockaways' recovery. From accelerating rebuilding programs to today's ferry extension, we are going to keep our focus on communities hit hard by Sandy to ensure no one is left behind," Mayor Bill de Blasio said.

The city's Economic Development Corporation will issue a request to look at the viability of long-term service and to find an operator for the line. metro



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Mayor de Blasio, on who in the family will shovel the walk



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# Texas. Suspect in killing of mother and two toddlers arrested

A New York father suspected of stabbing his wife and two young daughters to death over the weekend was arrested late Monday in Texas, police said.

Miguel Mejia-Ramos, 28, was arrested in a white van in Schulenberg, Texas.

Ramos was taken into custody by U.S. Marshals and Texas state troopers, according to a New York police spokesman, Detective Martin Speechley. Ramos appeared to have suffered several stab wounds and was treated at a local hospital, Speechley said.

Ramos' wife, Deisy Garcia, 21, and two daughters, Daniela Mejia, 2, and Yoselin Mejia, 1, were discovered on Sunday night with fatal stab wounds in their Jamaica, Queens, apartment.

Police did not say what the motive might have been, and a lawyer for Ramos could not be reached for comment.

#### Traffic accident

#### Cement truck crashes into Bronx home, killing driver

The driver of a cement truck was killed and five

people were injured after the vehicle crashed into a Bronx home on Monday evening, cops said.

The truck driver was pronounced dead at the scene, the police said.

# Cuomo calls for pre-K and tax cuts in speech

**School days.** His plan would take time to ramp up and would not raise taxes on the rich.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo laid out details on Tuesday for his plan to institute statewide universal pre-kindergarten, as well as nearly \$8 billion of property tax freezes and corporate tax cuts over the next five years.

The governor's proposal for universal full-day pre-kindergarten would cost about \$1.5 billion over the next five years. It would make New York the fourth state in the U.S. to implement such a program.

The plan proposed for New York City by Mayor Bill de Blasio would hike



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The program's cost over five years

taxes on those making more than \$500,000 to pay for pre-kindergarten.

De Blasio's tax plan, which would have to be approved by state lawmakers, would begin providing funding for the program immediately.

But Cuomo's plan would take time to ramp up and would not provide a recurring revenue stream, said Billy Easton, executive director of the Alliance for Quality Education.

"Calling this a universal full-day pre-K program is far from accurate; after five years, we will be lucky if it covers even 20 percent of the state's 225,000 4-year-olds," Easton said.

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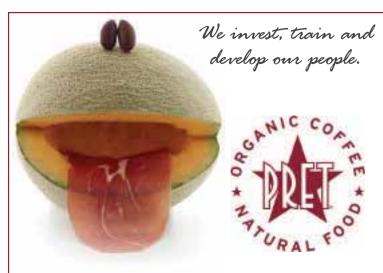


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**Recycling.** Three architects envision a ring of shipping containers filled with garbage that would protect the city from flooding.

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Of all the proposals to protect New York City from the floodwaters another superstorm Sandy could bring, one stands out as the strangest: surrounding Manhattan with shipping containers full of garbage to keep the water away.

The concept was devised by Arianna Aremlli, David Sepulveda and Ishaan Kumar, New York architects who recently competed for the ONE Prize, an annual award for environment-minded design and architecture.

This year's contest focused on storm-proofing cities, and the team, having lived through Sandy, decided to focus on Manhattan.

Their work. TAINED], mixes flood safety with an economic vision for the future of the borough's shoreline. The team envisions a narrow canal around Manhattan, with a city of shipping con-

#### Shoreline views

Surrounding the city with giant containers, some would argue, is ugly, and would destroy Manhattan's view of the rivers. That's a criticism the group welcomes.

In their vision, [CON-TAINED1 gives waterfront access to the workingclass people through affordable housing.

"We love when people worry that it would ruin views of the shoreline. That's the No. 1 response we want." Armelli said.

#### Ring of garbage

"We're not proposing to surround New York with garbage. One layer is really all you need to storm-proof the city." Ishaan Kumar

tainers on the other side. The bottom layer would act as a floating landfill, while the top would have businesses, residences and places of industry — all of which could act as a buffer against storm surges.

"We wanted to kill two birds with one stone. The shoreline in Manhattan was built on industries, and throughout the years tourism took over the shoreline," Sepulveda said.

[CONTAINED] raises serious issues. For instance,

isn't depositing garbage into the river - even if it is kept safely within steel containers environmental disaster waiting to happen? The team acknowledges this, but believes the city could mitigate the risk through monitoring, including sorting trash so nothing toxic makes it into the water, and repurposing and recycling as much waste as possible.

The plan probably won't make it beyond the hypothetical stage, the architects said, but they are fine with that. "Our agenda was to create a political buzz," Armelli said. ANDY CUSH

ANIMALNewYork.com is a website that



#### Legal battle

#### Same-sex couples sue Utah over refusalto recognize gay marriages

Four same-sex couples sued the state of Utah on Tuesday over Gov. Gary Herbert's refusal to recognize gay marriages performed during a brief period while it was legal

The four couples, who were married in Utah between Dec. 20 and Jan. 6 and are represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, asked the court to declare their marriages valid and order the state to recognize them.

'By retroactively stripping plaintiffs' marriages of legal recognition, the State of Utah has put these couples and their families in legal limbo and ing an appeal to a Denver prevented legally married

same-sex couples from accessing critical protections for themselves and their children," the lawsuit, filed in third district court in Salt Lake City, said.

A federal judge struck down the voter-approved ban on gay marriages, ruling that it was unconstitu-

State officials won a stay of that ruling from the Supreme Court pend-

# Storm hits the eastern **US, shutters offices** and snarls air travel

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About 3,000 flights in the United States were canceled.

A fast-moving Arctic cold front forecast to dump up to a foot of snow on the East Coast of the United States on Tuesday shut down state and federal governments, closed schools and snarled air travel in its path.

Winter storm warnings and advisories were in place from the central Appalachian Mountains north to southern New England, the National Weather Service said, including all of the Middle Atlantic states and the busy I-95 highway corridor that connects cities like Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

"It will be a winter wonderland for these areas," the weather service said in

In Washington, hun-



snowstorm in New York City. / GETTY IMAGE:

Temperatures in the eastern half of the United States are expected to be from 10 to 25 degrees below average. Gusty winds will accompany up to a foot of snow in southern New England as the cold front picks up moisture from the Atlantic Ocean, the NWS said.

dreds of thousands of federal workers were ordered to stay home in the face of what was forecasted to be a heavy snowfall.

But the Supreme Court

remained open to hear cases, and organizers of the annual anti-abortion March for Life said Wednesday's rally would be held regardless of bad weather.

In neighboring Maryland, the state government was shut down and the Maryland Transit Administration cut back rail and bus services. Farther north, the inauguration party for New Jersey Republican Governor Chris Christie on Ellis Island in New York Harbor was canceled because of the looming storm. REUTERS

#### West Lafayette

#### One dead in **Purdue University** shooting

One person is dead after Purdue University reported a shooting on its campus in West Lafayette, Ind. on Tuesday and one male suspect was in custody, Purdue

Police said.

Police said they believe there is only one suspect. They said he was not being cooperative and declined to identify him or the victim.

Early Tuesday, the university posted an alert on its website stating: "A shooting has been reported in the electri-

cal engineering building on Tuesday (Jan. 21) at Purdue University. One person is in custody. Police have cleared the building and are continuing to search the area, and people should remain sheltered in place until further notice.

The notice was later lifted. ANDREA PARK, METRO





# **Christie hurt. Trump** says he's weighing run for president

Outspoken real estate magnate Donald Trump said on Tuesday he may seek the Republican presidential nomination for 2016, adding that New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's prospects for a White House run have dimmed since a scandal erupted.

Å run for the presidency "is something I would certainly look at," Trump

told Reuters. "You know why? I'm unhappy with the way things are going in America.'

Trump, in a speech at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire, said that Christie was "one email away from disaster" after revelations that traffic jams on the George Washington Bridge were caused by an act of apparent political payback. REUTERS

#### Vatican visit

#### Obama to meet with pope on March trip

President Barack Obama will meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican in March, the White House said on Tuesday, a visit that will allow the U.S. leader to highlight

a shared interest in addressing the gap between rich and poor.

Obama, a Democrat, made lifting up the middle class and fighting income inequality in the United States a key priority for his second term and a top campaign theme during his 2012 run for re-election. REUTERS

# **Embattled Gov. Christie** sworn in for second term



"I do not believe that New Jerseyans want a bigger, more expensive government that penalizes success and then gives the pittance left to a few in the name of income equity. "Christie

#### Mum's the word. Christie's speech makes no mention

of recent scandals.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie turned to themes of small but compassionate government and bipartisan cooperation in his second inaugural address on Tuesday, making no mention of the abuse of power charges swirling through his administration.

A charismatic and tough-talking fiscal con-servative, Christie is widely seen as a Republican contender for the White House in 2016.

Although he cruised to re-election in November, Christie has gone on the defensive in recent weeks amid allegations that his top aides orchestrated massive traffic snarls to exact political revenge and

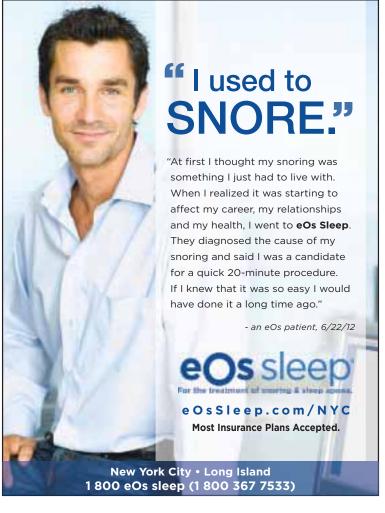
that his administration withheld superstorm Sandy relief money to pressure a local mayor into approving a development deal.

In his address in the state capital of Trenton after he was sworn into his second term, Christie returned to the themes that have been hallmarks of his political brand and criticized the idea that an "almighty government" can "fix any problem."

In an apparent dig at New York City's new mayor, Bill de Blasio, Christie offered a message to neighboring New Yorkers who face a "redistribution of wealth and higher taxes": "Come to New Jersey. You will be welcome here.

De Blasio is an unabashed liberal who has pledged to fight economic inequality and has called for a tax hike on top earners. **reuters** 





### Heartland troubles.

# **Fatal plant accidents** under investigation

A day after four workers died in two plant accidents in Nebraska and Oklahoma, authorities sought to determine what triggered the incidents while trying to recover the body of one victim trapped in the rubble, officials said Tuesday.

Two people died and 10 were injured Monday morning in Omaha, Neb., when the second floor of an animal feed plant collapsed. In Madill, Okla., two workers died when a large industrial furnace exploded at a steel plant Monday afternoon. A search and rescue team was working Tuesday to recover the body of one of the Nebraska feed plant workers caught in a pile of reinforced concrete and steel, authorities said. The body of a 53-year-old worker was recovered on Monday. Four people remained hospitalized. REUTERS

Questions were being asked in Oklahoma.

- "We are hoping to get a preliminary investigation done today ... that will tell us if it was accidental or intentional." Sam Schafnitt, chief of operations for the Oklahoma State Fire Marshall's Office, said of the explosion at the Mid American Steel and Wire
- The plant furnace, which is used to melt down metal and wire. exploded at about 4 p.m. Monday.
- Officials at the plant declined to comment, as did officials at International Nutrition, which makes feed, vitamins and nutritional products.



#### In custody

#### Slovenia refuses to extradite Romanian hacker to US

Slovenia will not extradite a Romanian hacker who broke into the computer systems of U.S. government agencies, because he has already been tried and sentenced in Romania, the national news agency STA reported on Tuesday.

Victor Faur was seized in Slovenia last October on an international arrest warrant issued by the United

the computers of space agency NASA and U.S. Navy between 2004 and 2006. That caused disruptions and cost the agencies almost \$1.5 million, according to

States, STA said. Faur, whose online alias was SirVic, had been indicted in the United States in 2006 on conspiracy and computer intrusion charges.

A court in Murska Sobota, in northeast Slovenia, said on Tuesday Faur had been found guilty in Romania, given a suspended prison term and ordered to pay \$240,000 in damages, STA said. If a county high court confirms the ruling, Faur will be released from custody, the agency said.

The court officials were not available for immediate comment.

During his trial in Romania, Faur said he had only wanted to prove those computer systems were vulnerable and meant no harm. The indictment says he had taken control of the computers and turned them into online chat servers so he could communicate with other members of his hacking community. **REUTERS** 



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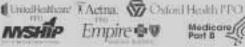
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# **Investor creates world's** biggest Bitcoin database

**Bubble concerns.** The Bitcoin has recently traded above \$1,000. up from \$10 at the start of last year.

A Nordic venture capital firm says it has built the world's largest database of businesses dealing in Bitcoins in an effort to shed light on a virtual currency which has seen its value rocket in the past year.

Creandum said the database contained more than 300 companies trading Bitcoins - ranging from exchanges to payment processors and gambling companies - and was intended to give entrepreneurs and investors an overview of companies with a significant role in the Bitcoin system.

Bitcoin is essentially

software code that defines units of value, which users can move back and forth among themselves. Unlike other virtual money transmitters, its value isn't pegged to a hard currency like the U.S. dollar or the euro - it is determined by the demand for Bitcoins.

Since its launch in January 2009, the system has grown popular with people who lack confidence in the traditional banking system, though it has also aroused concerns it could be used for money laundering.

Creandum, which has invested in fast-growing Nordic tech firms such as online music streaming service Spotify and payment solutions firm iZettle, said it hoped to encourage Bitcoin enthusiasts to participate in the development of the currency. REUTERS



"This year and next year, the Bitcoin needs to prove itself as a payment mechanism — and it could go either way."

Joel Erikson Enquist, Creandum associate

#### Crushing it

#### Candy Crush Saga maker trademarks word 'candy'

Videogame maker King, creator of the Candy Crush Saga, a game that has millions of fans around the world, said on Tuesday it had trademarked the word "candy" to protect the game from persistent intellectual property infringe-

Created in 2003, King has experienced an explosion in popularity since launching on Facebook in 2011 with its saga games, in which players move through a competitive landscape and pass their friends on the way. **reuters** 

It has been downloaded more than 500 million times since its launch in 2012.

#### Nice rock

#### 'Exceptional' 29.6 carat blue diamond found in South Africa

A 29.6 carat blue diamond, one of the most coveted in the world with a possible price tag of tens of millions of dollars, has been discovered at a South African mine by Petra Diamonds.

The miner said the "exceptional" diamond, small enough to fit into the palm of a hand, was unearthed at the Cullinan mine near Pretoria.

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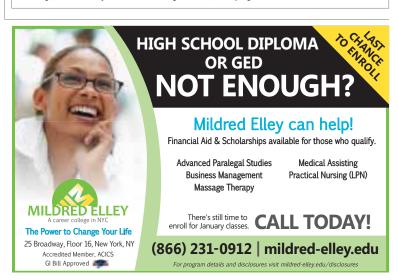
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### Frozen waters in Chicago

Tugboat Commissioner breaks up ice in Burnham Harbor near the Loop on Jan. 21, 2014, in Chicago. A weather system moved through the area, dumping 6 to 12 inches of snow. METRO



### Justin Bieber pees his initials into snow

What's the best way to distract from a sexting scandal, alleged drug abuse and possible criminal vandalism charges? How about adding public urination into the mix?

That's the strategy that Justin Bieber is reportedly deploying, at any rate. Biebs and his posse are in Colorado right now; they were on the road when the



call of nature and decided to pull over to relieve himself. But not in the woods or off the freeway — rather, in the affluent residential neighborhood of Snowmass.

According to TMZ, local residents looked on in shock as Bieber peed in the snow right in front of them. After he'd zipped up and headed off to take care of whatever important



### Revenge of the white-hairs

Oh, hello, incredible photo of Tilda Swinton and Karl Lagerfeld just hanging out on Tuesday at Paris Fashion Week. Fancy seeing you in The Word! Question: What do you think Tilda and Karl talked about? Cats? Fashion? How incredibly beige they both are? Adele's weight?



to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Russell Brand is asking for a friend, Louis Tomlinson wants to get back to work, and Chris Pratt is having fun with language.

@rustyrockets: Does 3 second rule apply to phones dropped in the toilet?

@Louis\_Tomlinson: Getting really excited to start writing for the next record

@prattprattpratt: New word: Exasterbating. Verb. Making things worse for the pleasure of it.

# Joan Rivers gets heckled

Joan Rivers had a heckler - and it was none other than her "Fashion Police" co-star Kelly Osbourne.

A seemingly intoxicated Osbourne reportedly made quite a scene at a recent gig of Rivers' in Los Angeles, according to Radar Online. "Kelly had one drink before the show started, and then during the show she got up and went to the bar to get even more drinks," a source says. "Kelly was yelling things out to Joan during the show when no one else was and she was throwing her hands up in the air. She was doing it obnoxiously. Everyone around her thought she was drunk." After the show, another witness spotted Osbourne "banging on the door to get backstage after the show. She grabbed her friend as she

was leaving and was hanging onto him. It seemed so obvious that she had been drinking.

While it would be easy to poke fun at her behavior, remember that Osbourne has gone to rehab seven times. No joking around 'bout that.







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Documentarian Jillian Schlesinger first heard about Laura Dekker in the news. The Danish teenage sailor had become an international talking point when she announced her intention to become the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe on her own. While everyone was questioning her safety, Schlesinger reached out to her personally, proposing a documentary about her voyage. Of all the things pitched to her - TV shows, other films, etc. — Dekker picked Schlesinger's idea. The result is "Maidentrip.

# What did you think you could bring to the story that no one else would?

It felt like her voice was missing from the conversation. It didn't seem like there was any place for her voice in that crazy sensationalized media conversation. The idea of the film was to tell a very subjective story, which is the story of her life and her voyage around the world, exclusively from her point of view.

### How did you collaborate on the film?

We would pick up the footage at every stop, in

The details

#### Filming truth

### How much did Dekker shoot?

She didn't shoot that much for somebody who had a camera with them on a boat for 17 months. As the trip went on I felt her relationship with the camera really evolved in an interesting way. I made

each trip. We would gather everything, but we didn't have it translated until the very end because we a point of staying out of that entirely. I never told her what to film or when to film or what to film or what to film. That was between her and the camera. I thought it was important for that relationship to remain pure and not feel like a chore she was doing for someone else. It should be her thing.

didn't have any money to do that. It was interesting: We would get the footage back to New York, then look through it, but of course we couldn't understand anything that was in Dutch — which was actually really cool because what ended up standing out were the moments that completely transcended the language and were just universally powerful.

# Like Dekker, it's calm and optimistic, and it doesn't get bogged down in drama.

I really wanted it to feel like Laura's story. After screenings people — particularly people who are not involved with filmmaking — have come up to me and said, "But what did YOU do?" The idea was that the director becomes invisible, to make it feel like it's completely conceived from the subject's point of view. For me that's the most flattering thing that someone could say. It feels like you're just going along on this ride with her. Even the animations on the map — the idea was it should feel seamless, like Laura just drew a map and you're watching it.



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# Living as a Millennial

**TV.** Abbi Jacobson says her new show, "Broad City," is a warm and realistic portrayal of the post-college life.

There have been many televised tales of young people making their way in New York City ("How I Met Your Mother," "2 Broke Girls," "Friends" — etc.). However, the most accurate take on the city's 20-somethings may be the new one on Comedy Central. "Broad City," the network's latest sitcom — executive-produced by Amy Poehler — is silly and quirky, yes. But it's also a warm and realistic portrayal of modern, aimless and adventurous post-college life.

The show focuses on two friends: Abbi, who cleans toilets at a gym, and llana, who sleeps through a desk job at an e-commerce website. Abbi dreams of getting a date with her neighbor. Ilana dreams of making out with Rihanna. They have no responsibilities or money and their biggest challenge is scoring tickets to a Lil Wayne concert.

The show rings true because it's inspired by the lives of its creators and stars, Abbi Jacobson and Ilana Glazer, who first launched "Broad City" as a successful Internet series in 2010.

"They're from where we're from and went to school where we went," Jacobson says of their onscreen doppelgangers. Glazer elaborates with an example from an episode: "Ilana "Broad City" is executive-produced by Amy Poehler and stars Abbi Jacobson, left, and Ilana Glazer. It premieres tonight at 10:30 p.m. on Comedy Central. / LANE SAVAGE

tries to get medication from a veterinarian, which one of our writer friends did successfully." When the character Ilana tries to do the same, she fails, as she and onscreen-Abbi do in most situations. In fact, the most success they seem to achieve is stealing office supplies, returning them for store credit and then exchanging that credit for an eighth of weed.

It should be noted that the "Broad City" girls are merely heightened versions of their creators, not facsimiles. The biggest difference between them is that while their characters will never succeed, their creators certainly have. Jacobson and Glazer, 29 and 26, may need to see their characters hit their 30s. Jacobson imagines how that might look. "They'd be financially stable and have more freedom," she supposes. "So instead of a story line about using a public restroom in a Whole Foods, it would be in a Bloomingdale's."

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#### Big names

# Guest-star stars

Jacobson and Glazer, veterans of the New York comedy scene, have packed the series with familiar, hilarious, quest-star faces:



Fred Armisen: He manages to make a creepy Craigslistsoliciting man-baby appear adorable in the first episode. Rachel Dratch: In the third episode, she's triggered into a frenzy by the mismanagement of the jar in a counthow-many contest. Janeane Garofalo: She doesn't flinch at the sight of horrific hemorrhoids (also in the third episode).





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"Archer" airs Mondays at 10 p.m. on FX. / FX

TV. "It's Always Sunny" set the bar for bizarre comedy: "Archer" and "Chozen" are carrying the torch.

When FX debuted its first two original comedy series in 2005, the network immediately set its tone for humor: absurd, edgy and darkly funny. Though "Starved," following four friends with eating disorders, was soon canceled, 'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," about a group of degenerate pals running a bar in South Philly, is a cult hit enter-

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ing its 10th season. The cartoonish depravity of the "Sunny' gang has become an FX comedy hallmark of sorts; fittingly, two animated series, "Archer" and the

new "Chozen," are keeping that tradition strong. Here's a primer on the latest in FX's lineup of bizarre hilarity.

#### "Archer"

#### Why we're watching:

Sterling Archer (H. Jon Benjamin, aka the can of veggies from "Wet Hot American Summer") is a James Bond type who works for the spy organization ISIS, run by his mother (Jessica Walter). It's a high-stakes workplace comedy except this season, the FBI

has shut down the ISIS offices, and the team is now operating as a drug cartel. "International spying is very similar to international drugdealing," Benjamin wryly points out.

Meanwhile, Lana (Aisha Tyler), Archer's partner/sometime girlfriend, is pregnant, but the team's most competent spy continues to put herself in harm's way for her co-workers. "We have an awesome baby shower for her," hints executive producer Matt Thompson. "Kenny Loggins is involved." Adds

'Dangerous comedy'

#### Why it works

"Chozen" producer Danny McBride says he loves creating "dangerous comedy" that takes characters the audience typically wouldn't root for and peels away layers to reveal truths that make them relatable. "If

you can get people laughing at stuff that they really normally don't laugh at, I think there's something divine in that," he says.

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creator Adam Reed: "He plays a terrible, bastardy version of himself. He calls himself K-Log.'

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#### A Method Man to the madness



#### "Chozen"

Why we're watching:

Chozen (Bobby Moynihan of "SNL") is a wannabe rapper who is trying to assimilate back into society after a 10-year prison stint. The lyrics resulting from Chozen's journey are nothing short of ridiculous. "I like [the song] 'Sex and Murder' you know, dead people

have sex and then they murder," says Wu-Tang rapper Method Man, who voices the character Phantasm, but leaves the songwriting and rapping to the show's creator, Grant Dekernion. "That's cold-blooded."

Yeah, they went there: The fact that Chozen happens to be a white gay rapper opens the door for even more politically

incorrect jokes. Method Man says that's partially why he joined the show. "It's making fun of hiphop. It's making fun of gay people," he says. "It's making fun of just the audacity of some of the artists that think they're ... on these pedestals and nothing can touch them. You gotta knock people off their horse every now and then, you know?"



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#### TV watch list

#### DRAMA

#### 'Klondike'

In "Klondike," Richard Madden (Robb Stark on "Game of Thrones") wages a different sort of war, fighting for riches in this miniseries on the Gold Rush. Catch an encore of part one, followed by the premieres of parts two and three. 6 P.M., DSC



#### HORROR

#### 'American Horror Story: Coven'

Is Fiona's reign as Supreme coming to an end? We'll find out tonight, when Cordelia's latest vision bodes for ill tidings for the coven. And are we the only ones who really want Madison to be the next

Supe and not Zoe? 10 P.M., FX

#### REALITY

#### 'Wahlburgers'

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# Rebecca Hall malfunctions in 'Machinal'

**Theater.** Does the actress fit into this dark revival? Maybe that's the point.

Recently gaining renewed popularity in theater houses nationwide, Sophie Treadwell's "Machinal" has returned to Broadway this season thanks to Roundabout Theatre Company. Though written to reflect the true story of murderess Ruth Snyder in 1927, the play is also timeless in the sense that it portrays an everywoman who loses her voice, and perhaps her sanity, in a life seemingly devoid of free will.

Rebecca Hall ("Iron Man 3") plays Young Woman aka Helen — an eccentric but unspectacular 20-something who feels obligated to marry her chauvinistic boss (Michael Cumpsty) in order to support her elderly mother (Suzanne Bertish). But it's not so much her captivity as the taste of liberation that, once gone, ultimately drives Helen to bludgeon her husband to death. It's only when she takes a lover (Morgan Spector), in an uncharacteristic bout of passion, that

#### If you go

#### 'Machinal'

Through March 2 **American Airlines** Theatre, 227 W. 42nd St. \$57-\$127, 212-719-1300 www.roundabout theatre.org

her resignation turns to desperation. (Today she'd probably face psychotropic meds rather than the electric chair, but that's history for you.)

Hall's acting is perfectly fitting, but she nonetheless may have been miscast. Despite posturing meekness and "purity," there's something about the star's worldliness - not to mention her 5-foot-9 frame that makes the character's authenticity suspect. We tried to see past our size bias - she's our height, in fact — but did the costumers really have to put her in heels, as well? Surely it's a visual reminder that Helen doesn't "fit in," but if the play is doing its job - and it is - then we don't need such superfluous clues.

Speaking of costumes, the swift changes between scenes are impressive especially because they transpire in the nooks and crannies of an elevated turntable set. The slivers of light in shaky darkness during these transitions lend mood to the story, as well. And we do have to remark on the accents; cast members, largely of British heritage, are flawlessly fluent in their flapper-era Americanisms ("Hot dog!").

In fact, it's clear that director Lyndsey Turner put a lot of work into all the little details of "Machinal," with the right mix of star power and media momentum, and we wouldn't be surprised if there's an extension or two in the show's



# Great reasons to visit Philadelphia in 2014

Take a trip. There's always something fun happening in Philadelphia.

Art lovers, garden enthusiasts, music mavens and sports fans keep coming back to Philadelphia year after year for festivals, athletic events, art shows, parades and cultural events galore. Here's what's going on in the region in 2014:

2The Pennsylvania Convention Center transforms into a car lover's dream for the Philadelphia Auto Show, featuring 700 pre-production, hot-production, classic and green vehicles from a range of manufacturers. Feb. 8-16. www.phillyautoshow.com

With hands-on events for kids, sophisticated activities for adults and a carnival on the Ben Franklin Parkway, the Philadelphia Science Festival demonstrates the role science plays in everyday life. April 25-May 3. www.philasciencefestival.org

Musicians, dancers, actors, jugglers, puppeteers and acrobats delight young audiences at the



The Pennsylvania Convention Center is the site of the PHS Philanation's premier horticultural event. Themed "ARTiculture," the annual gardening celebration features top-of-the-line floral and landscape design, entertainment and more than 180 vendors. ershow.com

**5**Equality Forum — the Global LGBT Summit that celebrates the cultural and political legacy of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community includes a featured nation, panels and parties. May 1-4. www.equalityforum.com

6 Philly Beer Week, the seventh annual celebration of the city's vibrant beer culture, takes over for 10 days and features events ranging from tastings to lectures to beer-pairing dinners. May 30-June 8. www.phillybeerweek.org

The Roots bring together artists from various genres for all ages in the city including concerts, a parade and fireworks. June 28-July 4. www.welcomeamerica.com

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9Kennett Square's annual Mushroom Festival puts the fun in fungi during a weekend of music, food, parades, farm tours and other activities in the "Mushroom Capital of the World." www.mushroomfestival.org

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- **Bucks County Brewing:** Set to open in spring. Bucks County Brewing will be the first brewery in

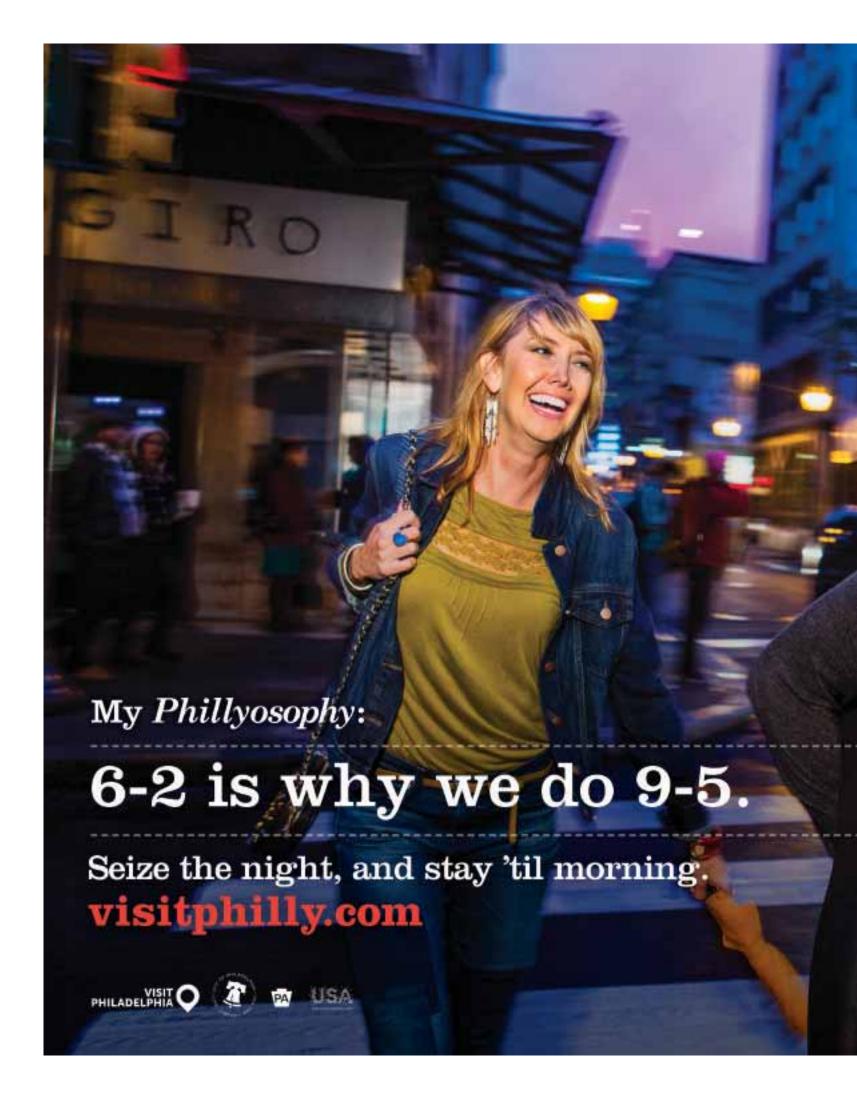


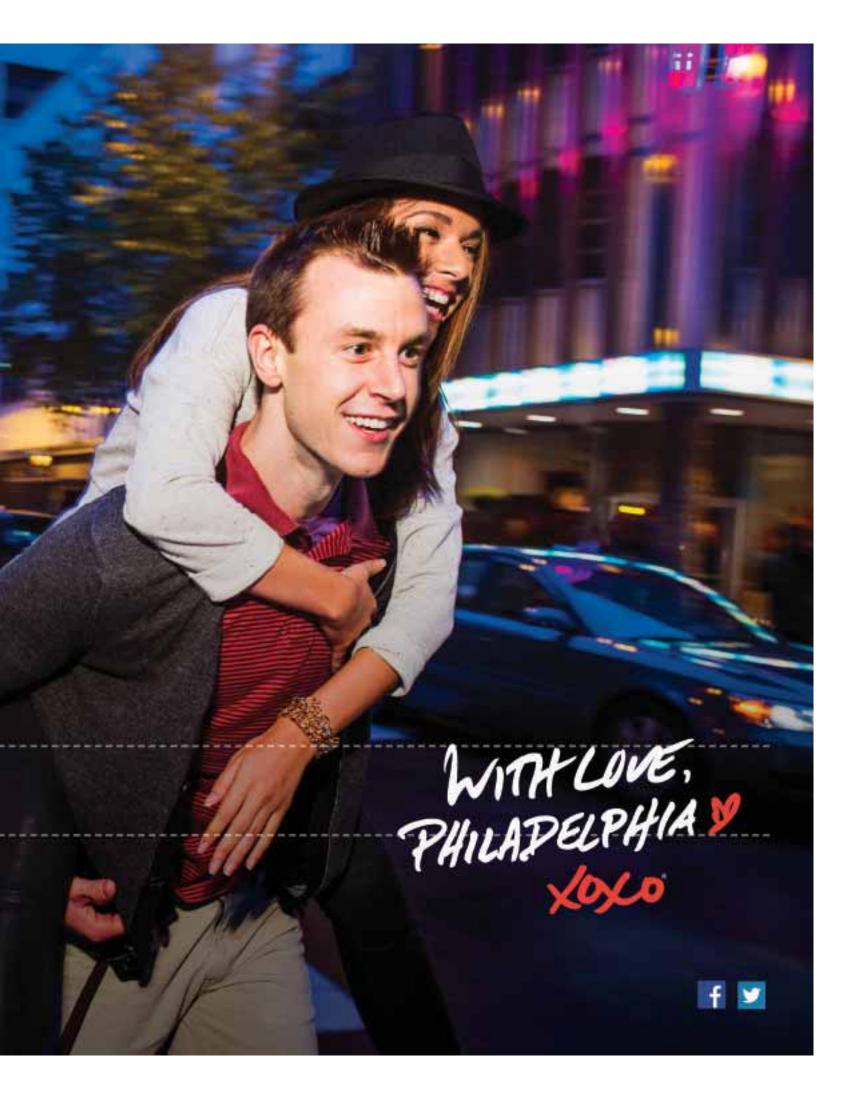
Pennsylvania to open next to a distillery. Working closely with Hewn Spirits, brewer Andrew Knechel will collaborate on some recipes and barrel-age beers. www. buckscountybrewery.com

Conshohocken Brewing Co.: Brewer Andrew Horne is opening a 15-barrel brewery and tasting room in an environmentally

friendly warehouse just off the Valley Forge Bicycle Trail in early 2014. www. conshohockenbrewing.com

- Do Good Brewing: Located in a former textile mill in Port Richmond, Do Good has opened its tasting room while it revs its seven-barrel brewhouse up to full capacity this month. www.dogoodbrewing.com
- Guild Hall Brewing: In late February 2014, Jenkintown should have its first brewery in the form of Guild Hall, a seven-barrel brewpub that will be located in an 80-year-old former Rolls Royce garage and antique shop. www. guildhallbrewing.com





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# The work of British artist Yinka Shonibare will be on display at Barnes. / THE BARNES FOUNDATION

#### Philadelphia celebrates Black History Month

This February, Philadelphia celebrates heritage and Black History Month with special events and exhibitions, film screenings and other activities. Some of the highlights:

 All month long, The African American Museum in Philadelphia buzzes with activity. Events kick off with a screening and discussion of "The Contradictions of Fair Hope." Produced by S. Epatha Merkerson (of "Law & Order" fame) and Rocked Metcalf, narrated by Whoopi Goldberg and accompanied by a Christian McBride score, the award-winning documentary examines the tensions surrounding an Alabama African-American benevolent society and its signature Foot Wash Festival. Feb. 1.

www.aampmuseum.org

- The Penn Museum hosts the powerful exhibition "Black Bodies in Propaganda: The Art of the War Poster." Archival military recruitment posters, films and other memorabilia track changing messages on race and the methods used to mobilize people of color in wartime. Through March 2.
   www.pennmuseum.org
- At the National Constitu-

tion Center, visitors can pick up a special "African-American History Month" brochure outlining daily brochure outlining daily artifacts related to Civil Rights. All month. www.constitutioncenter.org

A Barnes Foundation exhibition of sculptural works by British artist Yinka Shonibare summons the artist's Nigerian heritage. Featuring life-size mannequins dressed in the fabrics and textiles associated with Africa, "Yinka Shonibare MBE: Magic Ladders" is a dramatic, playful and irreverent examination of identity, history and politics. Through April 21. www.barnesfoundation.

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### A long weekend

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Le Virtu), outdoor pursuits (Blue Cross RiverRink, Magic Gardens, the Mural Arts Program's Love Letter tour) and art (Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia Museum of Art and Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts).

#### **Special events**

Two major events that heat Philadelphia every winter are the Philadelphia Auto Show, featuring 700 preproduction, hot-production, classic and green vehicles and the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, showcasing top-of-the-line floral and landscape design, entertainment and more than 180 vendors. The Auto Show is Feb. 8-16, and the Flower Show runs from March 1-9. Both take place at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

#### **Special exhibits**

Jan. 26 is the last chance for wanna-be princesses to see "From Philadelphia to Monaco: Grace Kelly, An American Icon" at the James A. Michener Museum in nearby Doylestown. Also worth a visit: "Life and Death in Pompeii," through April 27 at The Franklin Institute; and the 2014 Flamenco Festival, March 3-16 at various locations in the city.







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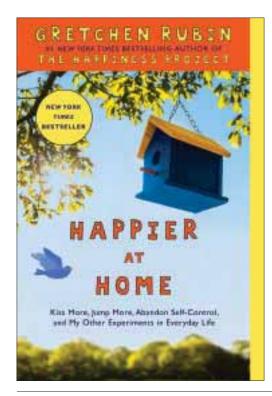


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# Being 'Happier at Home'



**Tips.** Gretchen Rubin helps us love where we live.

Gretchen Rubin, author of the wildly successful "The Happiness Project," is all about finding joy in everyday life. While researching the best-seller, she discovered that "so many elements of a happy life come together in the idea of home. If you're not happy at home, it's hard to be happy," she says.

This idea drove her

This idea drove her to write her next book, "Happier at Home," where the 48-year-old set out to find "the realistic things I could do to make it a nicer experience to walk in my front door."

She fills us in on how to get the good life.



TINA CHADHA



#### Make your bed

"One of the most important things that I keep finding is the connection for most people between outer order and inner calm. Most people feel calmer and more energetic when they don't feel like they're surrounded by clutter. And weirdly, one of the things that people most often

mention is the resolution to make your bed. So I say if you don't make your bed now, try it. Because it's the gateway. Your whole room will look neater and calmer," says Rubin.

"I also think your bed is a symbol of your soul. So when you've taken care of your bed, it's showing that you've taken care of yourself."

# Cultivate good smells

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#### Create a shrine

"A lot of people say you'll be happy with less, possessions don't matter, get rid of everything — but the fact is, for most people, possessions do have a role to play in a happy life," Rubin says. "They allow you to project your identity into your environment. They serve as important reminders of the people, places

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and activities you love. Maybe you're sharing an apartment and you want some part of it to reflect you. There's all kinds of shrines.' Rubin's own shrine is dedicated to her passion for children's literature. "I have all my classics in one area. I mindfully arranged it, and it's one of my favorite parts of my apartment, just because I took the time to pull those things together."

#### Be grateful

'One of the things about home is that it's so easy to take it for granted," she says. "First of all, we take for granted things like electricity and running water. When we don't have them, we realize how precious they are. With [Hurricane] Sandy, everybody really noticed how precious home is. It's hard to keep that attitude of gratitude, as people say. So what I do is, we have two doors you have to go through to walk in and out of my building. So every time I



walk out of my apartment, I use what I call a threshold ritual. Every time I cross that threshold and go out into the

street, I think about how happy I am to be leaving my happy apartment and going out in New York City, which I love. And every time I come in, I think how happy I am to be returning home. People who have feelings of gratefulness are happier. When you feel grateful, it drives out things like anger and resentment or boredom. You don't feel as annoyed by the fact that you have to unload the dishwasher if you have this reflection on how great it is to have a dishwasher."

#### Tackling clutter

#### Do you find that even when you get everything organized, a week later it's all a mess again?

You have to manage [clutter] constantly," says Rubin, who swears by the one-minute rule. "Anything that I can do in under a minute, I do without delay," she says. "If I can hang up a coat, if I can rip open a letter, if I can put newspapers in the recycling, if I can file a receipt in a folder. By getting rid of these little tasks, you feel

much more able to tackle big tasks. When you walk in your room and see a million little things you have to do, you feel weighed down by it. You're like, 'Where should I even start?' So just doing things one minute at a time, it's manageable and realistic. Also, you feel that sense of confidence. You see yourself going 'check, check, check' and you feel more on top of things."

#### **Abandon** a project

"A lot of times we'll start some kind of project, like you're going learn how to cook French or you're going to learn how to knit — I had a friend who was going to make beer in his bathtub. But then you sort of abandon it. Maybe it's not as fun as you thought, or for

whatever reason you're just not keeping up with it. But then that stuff just hangs around and it clutters up your shelves, but it also clutters up your conscience because every time you look at it you're like, 'Oh gosh, I got to get back into knitting,' even though you know you're not going to get back into knitting. So abandon a project, get rid of the stuff associated with it.

If you're not going to use those cookbooks, if you're not going to use those beer-making tools, let it go and live a long and happy life with someone who's going to use it. When it's not used, it's more than useless. It's a negative. Not only is it taking up space, but it's creating an anxiety or a

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# Predicting 2014

#### Looking ahead.

Two real estate pros weigh in on everything from de Blasio to prices, but agree the market can't keep up with last year's pace.

Sure, nobody knows what's actually going to happen in the New York City residential real estate market this year. But it's still fun to guess

This month, The Real Deal asked two brokerage heads to offer their best educated guesses on everything from residential pricing to how the beginning of Mayor Bill de Blasio's term in City Hall will impact the market. They seemed to agree: The 2014 market will not be able to sustain the pace of the 2013 market.

#### Shaun Osher

Founder and CEO, CORE

The residential inventory shortage is obviously one of the big factors driving market conditions in NYC. What are you expecting on the inventory front?

There is not much of a pipeline of new product coming on the market in terms of numbers. We are still historically low with respect to inventory. There are less than 5,000 available units on the market right now. We are at 50 percent of where we should be. There are a number of new projects coming on the market, but in total unit numbers, it's going to have an insignificant impact on inventory. I think there is going to be a housing shortage and I think the shortage is going to be exacerbated by the fact that a lot of the inventory that we are going to see coming on the market is going to be posited toward the ultraluxury buyer.

#### Residential sellers had the upper hand in 2013. Do you expect that to continue in 2014?

I expect the dynamic to change slightly because buyers feel that value has reached a threshold. Buyers are going to start saying no to irrationally exuberant values. So I think we are going to see a more stabilized market where the momentum will go more to the buyer and there will be more equilibrium.

Which geographic areas



#### In demand

#### Which sectors of the market do you expect to perform well in NYC this year?

The market that has the largest void is the affordable housing in the luxury segment — anything priced between \$1.5 million and \$3 million. There is a void of good quality product in that category. Anything at that price point should do better than any other segment of the market.

#### do you expect to struggle most in NYC in the coming year?

Anywhere that is too pioneering, where they are demanding prices that are too high for the neighborhood. It will be interesting to see what Hudson Yards does, but I am very bullish on West Chelsea and Tribeca and the fringe areas around those neighborhoods. The neighborhoods that could be disappointing would be Hell's Kitchen and pockets of the far East Side.

#### What new, big residential projects (other than One57 and 432 Park) do you expect to generate the most buzz in the coming year?

Larry Silverstein's Four Seasons [hotel and condo] project in the Financial District will be one to pay attention to because it's uncharted territory where prices have not been tested.

#### Steven Goldschmidt

Senior vice president, Warburg Realty

#### Which areas do you expect to perform well in NYC in the coming year?

We expect to see significant activity in Harlem as well as parts of Brooklyn and Queens. Some properties in Bed-Stuy are being listed for as much as \$1 million to \$2 million ... and we recently sold a townhouse in Long Island



City for \$2 million.

#### Which geographic areas do you expect to struggle most?

Parts of the Upper East Side, especially high rise "cookie cutter" apartments, will continue to lag

What aspects of the current political environment do you think will impact the market in the coming year?

With the economy on the upswing and in a midterm election year, there will be pressure to avoid any ma-

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#### What to look for

What new, big residential projects do you expect to generate the most buzz in NYC in the coming year? Attention will certainly be focused on the new towers along West 57th Street, and the start of construction at Hudson Yards and a number of downtown boutique projects. The industry will be watching these projects to detect any sign of weakness in the marketplace.

jor increase in mortgage interest rates. Many New Yorkers are anxious to see how Mayor de Blasio acts on his many campaign promises and how they affect real estate.

#### What trends will you be watching out for?

New mortgage rules, including the new "Qualified Mortgage" rule will be important to monitor in terms of its effects on borrowing. The QM rule is designed to protect consumers from risky loans. That's a good thing. But the new law will also establish some hard limits for debt-to-income ratios. Borrowers with too much debt may have trouble qualifying for a mortgage in 2014, when the new lending rules take effect. Lenders will continue to be risk averse, and the new Qualified Mortgage rules will only make lenders more careful.

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1 Bedroom	4	One	1	\$34,200	\$36,120	\$63,333- \$109,838
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# Apts. Available	Apartment Size	Household Size*	Monthly Rent**	Total Annual Income Range*** Minimum - Maximum
1	Studio	1	\$659	\$24,515 - \$30,100
2	1 Bedroom	1 2	\$709	\$26,298 - \$30,100 \$26,298 - \$34,400
3	Studio	1	\$802	\$29,418 - \$36,120
12	1 Bedroom	1 2	\$863	\$31,578 - \$36,120 \$31,578 - \$41,280
23	2 Bedrooms	2 3 4	\$1,044	\$37,852 - \$41,280 \$37,852 - \$46,440 \$37,852 - \$51,540
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# At REBNY gala, crowd giddy over strong market but wary about taxes





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Bigwigs made nice with De Blasio and Cuomo at this annual event.

The Real Estate Board of New York's annual gala logged its best turnout in years last week and the crowd's mood, often seen as a barometer for the health of the industry, was giddy, coming off a strong year for the residential and commercial markets.

The event, held at Hilton Hotel in Midtown, is the industry's opportunity to don their tuxedos and designer gowns and to schmooze with each other and with high-powered elected officials.

There were, however, concerns tempering the crowd's euphoria, the most pressing being the agenda of New York City's new mayor, Bill de Blasio, especially in connection with real estate taxes.

As brokers, developers and other industry players mingled at REBNY's 118th annual banquet, conversations quickly turned to property tax assessment rolls, which are due to rise an average of 8 percent in July, according to preliminary figures released by the city last week.

Property owners said they were worried that further tax increases would make for a hostile environment for development.

"We knew there was

going to be a substantial tax hike," said Justin Elghanayan, president of Rockrose Development. "People look at developers and think 'look how much money they're making." But there's only so much money to take from property taxes before it discourages development. You can swing too far the other way. It's hard to get the cocktail right."

Elghanayan said key legislative items this year include renewing the 421a tax abatement. In 2008, the program was amended to provide that only developers building projects with 20 percent or more affordable units could receive the abatement.

"It is the backbone of the rental housing market," he said, adding that the permanent abolishment of 421a would lead to a "preponderance of condos," because many rental projects would no longer pencil out. Despite their concerns, real estate pros did not use the annual gala to aggressively press de Blasio and the other elected officials who were on hand.

"This is a make-love-notwar event," quipped Jordan Barowitz, director of external affairs for the Durst Organization.

#### KATHERINE CLARKE AND ADAM PINCUS

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#### Looking ahead

#### New goals

REBNY President Steven Spinola said his priority for this year is to "create a real partnership with the City of New York," which would spur the creation of more jobs and more affordable housing.

Overall, the mood of the crowd seemed upbeat. Developer Bill Rudin, who joked that this was his 117th appearance at the gala, predicted that 2014 would be just as strong for the market as 2013.

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'Broken Age" rules. For those who don't obsessively follow gaming blogs, it's a modern take on old school point-andclick adventure titles. Think "Maniac Mansion," "Monkey Island" and "Sam & Max" with new school accoutrements. Essentially, you move from point A to point B, talk to people

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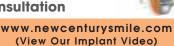
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So how do you know what to do? Initial basic first aid for any of these injuries should include R.I.C.E. — Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation. These measures will allow you to do some damage control by limiting pain and swelling, while preventing further injury and assessing the situation. Never use heat at any time in the first 48 hours following any trauma.

#### Some general rules for further consideration

- Pain that is ongoing, whether or not you are moving or putting weight on the injured part, is possibly due to a fracture. See a doctor as soon as possible for further assessment if the pain is severe.
- Any time an external force is involved (for example, someone falls on top of you, you strike your arm on a metal railing or your leg gets wedged in a pothole) a broken bone is more likely.
- If you twist your ankle or fall and it hurts initially, feels better a few minutes later and then results in pain and swelling six to 12 hours later, this is more likely a sprain or contusion. It takes some time for inflammation to develop after bruises and minor ligament tears, so delayed onset of symptoms may signal a less severe injury.

While heat may feel good, it will increase swelling and make the pain and disability worse in the days following.

If you are at all uncertain about the severity of your injuries, then by all means see a doctor at the nearest urgent care office or emergency room for evaluation and treatment. That may include x-rays, some sort of immobilization device (such as a sling, splint or brace) crutches and a prescription for pain relief.

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M Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't let anyone impede your progress. Remain aware of past mistakes to avoid falling into the same patterns.

**△** Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Don't be overtaken by your emotions. You will do well today if you can present a stable front. Take the time to further develop your creative ideas.

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M Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You will have good ideas for improving your finances. If you stay grounded, you will make all the right decisions.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Restlessness will lead to personal changes. If you communicate your differences, reforms can be made fairly easily.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Don't be aggravated if things don't turn out your way. Putting in extra time and energy will be necessary. Change is upon you. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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#### Letters

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MILTON KATZIS, VIA EMAIL

#### Give no credit to Christie

Re: 'Give Christie some credit' (Metro, Jan. **17-19)** Larry Penner gives Gov. Christie too much credit. It's already been acknowledged that his epic performance of self-pity answered nothing relevant and that far more heads can and should roll for this scheme than the pair that already resigned. The governor has lost any credibility about his honesty and his competence, especially if he really didn't know what his staff was doing. IOSEPH CONNELL. VIA EMAIL

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- 51 Dawn goddess
- 52 Packs of cards
- 54 More than touch
- 58 Pointed beards

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- 65 "-never fly"
- 66 Tumbler stone
- 67 Copied
- 68 1899 Gold Rush town
- 69 Lost color
- 70 Composts
- 71 Plenty, to a poet

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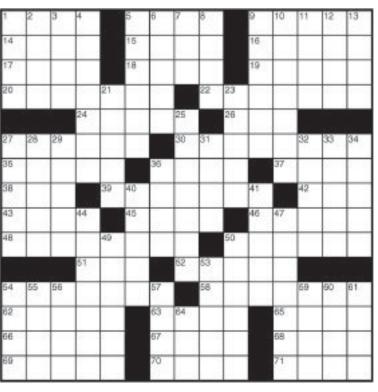
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# Meet Dan Craig, the man who builds outdoor rinks

NHL. The NHL is holding six outdoor games this season, including two at Yankee Stadium this week.

As the NHL embarks on its ambitious plan to grow the game — and revenues — by expanding the number of outdoor games exponentially, Dan Craig has been tasked with overseeing the conversion of football and baseball stadiums into hockey rinks.

It is a bold undertaking, one that has made Craig, the NHL's senior director of facility operations, among the league's most indispensable executives.

"We go on the road with eight to 10 trucks, and that's what [we're] put together to do," Craig told Metro New York by phone from Los Angeles, where he and his team of eight have been transforming Dodger Stadium into a hockey rink for the Jan. 25 Anaheim Ducks-Los Angeles Kings Stadium Series game.

The work is going well, but make no mistake: It is work. Craig estimates it takes his crew eight to 10 days to turn a stadium into a hockey rink, which includes the creation of ice, constructing the board and glass, and erecting platforms for musical acts. The NHL trucks in the ice, boards and glass - "Everything that people find in a normal ice rink, we have in a 53-foot trailer" - and then Craig and his team begin the process of building a hockey rink.

"It's not just the hockey rink, there are a lot of entertainment elements that have to come in," Craig said. "[It takes] 48 hours to set up before we start making ice and [then it's] three, maybe four days of building ice before we can even put in our lines. Mother Nature sometimes challenges us and we build [in some] bonus time, so that's why it usually takes eight to 10 days."

Outside of a Rangers-Kings exhibition game at Caesar's Palace in Las



#### **Outdoor schedule**

The NHL decided to play six outdoor games this season, with the Winter Classic already having taken place Jan. 1 in Ann Arhor, Mich.

- Kings vs. Ducks Dodger Stadium Jan. 25, 9:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
- Rangers vs. Devils Yankee Stadium Jan. 26, 12:30 p.m., NBC
- Rangers vs. Islanders Yankee Stadium Jan. 29, 7 p.m., NBC Sports Network
- Penguins vs. Blackhawks Soldier Field March 1, 7 p.m., NBC
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   NBC Sports Network

Vegas on Sept. 27, 1991, the NHL has attempted to hold its outdoor games in markets where the weather is more conducive to hockey.

The Los Angeles Stadium Series game could be called an experiment to see whether a so-called nontraditional marketplace could successfully host an outdoor game.

"If [a nontraditional market is] where the commissioner decides that's where we're going to have the game, that's what we do. And they tell us to come in at a certain time and we set everything up and away we go," Craig said.

"The elements are going to be a little different. The elements are going to challenge you. Right now I've got a bright blue sky here, bright sunshine so ... we're [going] to start up this afternoon and become like hermits and work in the dark.

"When we were in Philadelphia [for the 2012 Winter Ĉlassic] we were [at Citizens Bank Park at six o'clock or seven o'clock in the morning and we could only work until about 10, and then we had to put tarps on top of the ice surface. It's the same element there. It doesn't matter where you are, the sun really affects how we make a sheet of ice. We were in Calgary [for the 2011 Heritage Classic| where it was minus-20 and minus-19, and the sun was hitting the boards and melting

#### By the numbers

48

It takes Craig's crew 48 hours to unload their eight to 10 tractor trailers and put up the rink before actually making the ice playing surface.

the ice against the side of the boards, so it doesn't matter what you try to do. When you have a bright, sunny day, you might as well put blankets on the surface, [put] your feet up and get a little shut-eye."

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### **NBA power rankings | by James Toscano**

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The Pacers continue their reign at the top of the rankings. They are 10-2 since Christmas and Lance Stephenson has quickly become the most interesting man in the NBA. The 23-year-old two-quard played 40-plus minutes in Indiana's huge wins over the Clippers and Warriors.

No. 2





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game numbers.





The Trail Blazers have scored 100-plus points in 35-of-41 games this season.

No. 4

Heat (29-12)



Miami has lost four of their last six. Now LeBron James can be jealous of Kevin Durant's ranking.

No. 5

Rockets (28-15)



The Rockets put four quarters of offense together Monday night against Portland.

**Spurs** (32-9)



The Spurs lost to a contender in the Blazers last week. They have OKC and Miami coming up.

No. 7

#### Clippers (TIPPERS (29-14)

They couldn't compete with the Pacers over the weekend.

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Warriors (26-17)

The Warriors have lost four of their last six. But they have just three road games in the next month.

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Grizzlies (20-20)

Marc Gasol is back, but he's not quite back to his pre-injury level. But they are 3-1 since his return.

Hawks (21-19)



The Hawks impressed by beating Miami Monday and avenged an overtime loss to the Heat.

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Mavericks (25-18)

They had an epic choke iob against the Clippers and a double-digit loss to the Blazers.

#### Nuggets (20-20)



Denver has given up 116plus points in each of its last four games (1-3).

No. 13

#### Raptors (20-20)



Kyle Lowry (16.5 points, 7.4 assists) deserves some love. Now are they aoina to trade him?

No. 14

#### Nets (17-22)



Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett make their return to TD Garden for the first time as Nets this Sunday.

No. 15

Suns (23-17)



The sun will not set on Phoenix vet. Goran Dragic won't let it. But Phoenix still needs Eric Bledsoe.

Wizards (20-20)



The Wiz can finally go over .500 with a win on Wednesday against the Celtics.

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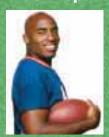
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- Storewide Kick-Off Party featuring The Soul Tigers Marching Band:
   Monday, January 27th
- X In Conversation –Sports Panel Discussion:Tuesday, January 28th
- Football Fashion Show with Surprise Celebrity Guests:
   Tuesday, January 28th
- Macy's Culinary CouncilChefs Home\*gating Event:Wednesday, January 29th
- Silent Auction of Football Memorabilia:Saturday, February 1st

